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Click It or Ticket campaign increases Alabama seat belt usage rate

The recent Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign boosted seat belt use in Alabama to 77 percent. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) joined the first-ever region-wide enforcement blitz that involved every law enforcement agency in Alabama in an effort to encourage drivers who violated adult seat belt or child passenger safety laws.

From May 21 through June 3,

Alabama law enforcement agencies joined thousands of officers throughout the region to step up enforcement as part of Click It or Ticket. "I would like to commend the citizens of Alabama for their willingness to comply with the law and help save lives."

Click It or Ticket was a partnership between Governor Don Siegelman, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Click It or Ticket regional blitz included Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration experts predict that, by maintaining the current 77 percent usage rate for one year, Alabama can save over 1,000 lives and see an economic savings of \$76,478,801.

"This campaign was successful because we had full participation from all Alabama law

GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO



Bishop Hirron and Pastor Linda Williams

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day four years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

In Tribute... Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The Bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? We are the Bishop and Father of this house; the one the God has definitely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of A New Breed. One who has definitely imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives. Rescued the perishing. Provided an oasis for those in desert place. And renewed soliarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually renews your concepts on extremes that have been so clearly demonstrated within our minds. You've taught us to soar, to excel. To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...Dream the impossible...To never let our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost. And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family - **We Thank You!** And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, The commander in chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers. And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his objectives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From

On the occasion of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

WE INVITE you to come and share in the Bishop's 4th annual celebration, Friday and Saturday night, August 17-18 at 7:30 and ending Sunday morning with a Special Minister's Consecration.

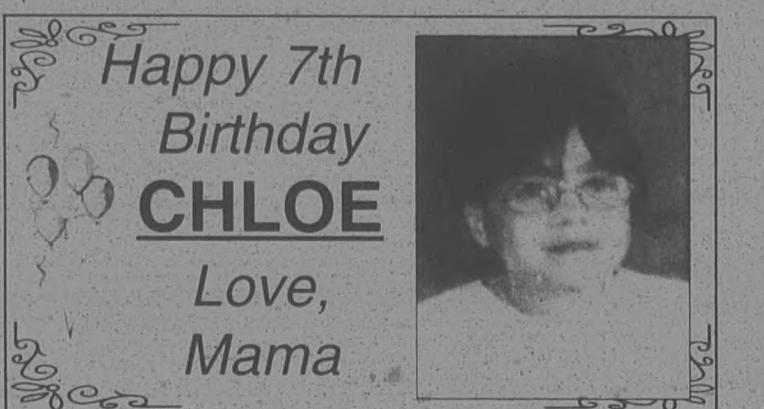
FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Pastor Tom Reshard, Rivers of Life Ministries, Thomasville, Georgia

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Minister Joel Wade, Detroit, Michigan. He will be consecrated Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - Bishop Hirron Williams and he will also be presiding over the consecration.



Elizabeth Strong of Elba recently was recognized as a recipient of the University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences (HES) Stephanie Colbert Scholarship during Honors Day events at UA. Strong is shown with Dr. Judy Bonner, HES dean.



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Commissioners here of water problems on county road

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Coffee County Commissioners official meeting started at the announced 9:00 a.m. time Monday morning, but following an 8:00 "discussion time" gathering of the commissioners.

There is little discussion in

most of these official meetings as the members apparently have each voiced their position in either a Wednesday planning session or at the 8:00 a.m. gathering.

The board did hear from Mr. Joseph Danley who is upset about water damage to his property. Mr. Danley said he had discussed this with commissioners and the engineer for several years, but the problem still exists.

County Engineer Randy Tindell showed the commissioners a video of the area being discussed by Mr. Danley and gave each commissioner drawings of the watershed which drained across the road in question, County Road 212, a dirt road.

Tindell explained that the area is in the flood plain and the cost of doing what Mr. Danley was requesting would be very high.

The commissioners and the engineer agreed to try some less expensive modifications and see if that would help the problem.

The commission voted to turn

sales tax and the tobacco tax

collection over to LGR, at a cost

less than is being charged by the

county attorney and was

tabled until the matter could be

discussed with representatives of the contractor.

The commissioners announced a work session for Tuesday afternoon to work on the budget for the coming year and to discuss redistricting of the commission districts. They will also meet with the garbage contractor on several problems.

The Coffee County Jail still has some water dripping through the roof, reportedly from the leaking condensing system. Jail Supervisor Zack Andrews told the commissioners the program more efficiently and with fewer problems than any of the others in the pilot program.

A committee was appointed to set prices on lots in the Industrial Park located on Highway #125, across from the

Industrial Park, under the legislative bill passed by the Alabama Legislature. Commissioner Robert Stephens opposed the action, saying it could have a negative impact on property tax rates.

He noted that the legislative action would already give the same percentage raises to elected officials each year, as the commissioners raised county employees.

Continuing complaints about county garbage pick-up was discussed by commissioners. A motion to deduce payment when the company failed to pick up garbage was discouraged by the county attorney and was tabled until the matter could be

discussed with representatives of the contractor.

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LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS...Several local officials and business people were on hand recently as the Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the newest venture of Cash Brothers Leasing

in Elba. The ribbon cutting ceremony introduced The Mobile Attic, a mobile storage unit which is produced and leased by the company. The locally owned firm plans to increase production and add employees over the next several months. Those present for the ceremony included (from left): Sam Cooper, Mrs. Elba Gary Holloway, Tommy Shiner, DeDe Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Barry Giles, Jerrie Davis, Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Mary Cash, James Barnes, Ross Cash, Doris Matthews, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Sarah Corder, Pete Cash, Little Miss Elba Brooke Wecks, Keith Marbut, Jane Cash, Junior Miss Elba, Mary Katherine Head, Jim Chapman, Kaye Waitforth, Wayne Johnson and Herby McCall.

Everett working to protect peanut growers in new federal farm bill

by Congressman Terry Everett

The New Peanut Program Provisions Will Protect Peanut Growers Who Face Mounting Opposition in Washington and Elsewhere

WASHINGTON — The

House Agriculture Committee began mark-up of the new ten-year federal farm bill Thursday, agreeing on the specifics of the new peanut program title, which protect growers and the peanut industry from Washington opponents and cheap foreign imports.

"Starting in 2004, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will allow unlimited access to Mexico and Peanut butter from Mexico. In addition, similar access could be given to other Latin American countries through the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) agreement. We must have a peanut program that addresses this surge in cheap imported peanuts and does not attract continual political opposition in the Halls of Congress."

"Peanut producers, shellers and manufacturers alike have testified before my subcommittee this summer that the peanut program is not viable." Everett said.

"Forces are combining to bring about the end of the peanut program and we must respond to protect the growers and the industry," Everett said.

City Council reviewing 2000 census numbers before deciding on redistricting of the five city council districts

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members

are reviewing the require-

ments to determine if Elba city

districts should be redi-

ctected following the 2000 census reports.

Federal laws require this periodic redistricting if district population sizes vary over a predetermined percentage.

Council members plan to dis-

cuss this issue in an informal

work session planned for

Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Also to be discussed is annual

budget needs for the next fiscal year.

The council will also hold a

short official meeting to open

bids on a new DARE car. Mar-

ie James Grimes said during the

Monday night meeting that the

only item to be discussed in this

special called meeting is the

DARE car purchase.

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Area Happenings

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PRESEASON FOOTBALL The Elba Tigers and the Zion Chapel Rebels will meet Friday, Aug. 24, for a preseason football game at 7 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. The game will be a fundraiser for both programs.

COFFEE COUNTY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for FY2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. Both public hearings will be held in the Board of Education office at 100 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 30, the Board will hold a special meeting at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 Budget.

Council members were also given copies of a study on the cost and income from new sewer connections. The printed study shows the average labor and equipment cost when the sewer line is not in the street is \$91.64 per foot. When the line goes higher, there is an additional cost when pipe fittings are used. PVC sewer pipe cost \$2.00 per foot and one frequently used fitting cost \$17.40 each.

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FUND RAISING The members of the Elba Fire Department will be collecting money Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Elba Fire Department.

All money put in the box will go directly to the

fire department.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

A couple of weeks ago we wrote here about Heddy, having some bath oil that did wonders with keeping mosquitoes away. That was a fair enough thing to say, it is the truth and we thought it was a harmless statement. However more than one wife commented with something like, "We wives know a lot, if you men would only listen." Now our good, and we thought harmless, information has stirred up the women of the world and given us a few veiled threats for abandoning the good cause of manhood.

We can't solve the problems in the Middle East, nor in Ireland, but we wonder aloud how any of the folks involved in that continuous killing of their fellow humans can justify their actions. It amuses us to hear all sides claim that God is on their side. It is apparent none of the Christians are reading, and/or interpreting the Holy Bible the same way we do. Neither are the other religions getting the same message from their religions leaders that we think they should be getting. Our concept of the one leading of each of the religious groups involved is one of love and not kill, kill, kill. Even we might could accept the fighting and killing if all the folks with guns out there were shooting just at each other, but that is not the case. It appears that most of the deaths are simply people whose only sin was being at the wrong place at the right time and getting blasted away by a massive bomb. These bombs are placed by people who know full well that innocent people are going to be killed or crippled by their actions. Sometimes we think there must be some sort of thrill, or feeling of power, that comes with these barbaric acts.

You may notice that yours truly has three bylined meetings on the front page this week. We don't plan things this way, but with Editor Linda Hodge decked out in some kind of sort-of unknown allergic reaction, the real work has fallen on the one man with the gray hair. Who hasn't had the sole responsibility for many, many years. In spite of the shock of having to work again, we are going to survive and you reading this is proof that we were successful in spite of the extra strain on the nerves (and the brain).

There is a lot of excitement leading about the upcoming pre-season football game between the Elba Tigers and the Zion Chapel Rebels. Part of the excitement is simply because it's a game where a lot of people know players and supporters on both sides of the field. However a large part, at least in the minds of Elba supporters, is the fact the game is being played in Miller Memorial Stadium or Foggy Bottom, so long worshipped by the home town faithful and dreaded by opponents far and wide.

Coffee County Schools
Menu
Aug. 20 - 24, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Mondays - Waffles - Ham Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Milk	Monday - Chicken-Frit Sandwich, Fish Squid, Potato, Broccoli, Corn, Hash Pudding, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage & Gravy Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Cheese Pizza, Tomato Salad Tossed Salad, Butterflies, Fruit Candy, Cakes, Milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Taco Salad, Chicken Salad Orange, Ranges, English Peas - Fruit Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Steak Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Baked Chicken, Corn Dogs Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Fruit Rolls, Milk
Friday - Cheese Steak, Jelly Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Steak Sandwich - Ham Sandwich, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables Fruit, Milk

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 6, 2001, through August 12, 2001. They were: Lena Golden, Ellis Eddins, Lacie Johnson, Mary Crandall, Hazel Clark, Jessie Shuckhouse, Amanda Moore, Sheray Chapman, Mandie Grant, Charlotte Blackmon, Arnold Alleyne, Sheila Calloway, Misty Moore, David Hudson, Mary Whately, Louise Holloway, Pat Beckworth, Martha Mauldin and Kristy Miles.

Patients discharged during the same time period were: James Vann, Vassie Ward, Annie Ellis Eddins, Hazel Clark, Zadie Johnson, Mary Crandall, Arnold Alleyne, Sheray Chapman, Mandie Grant, Lena Golden, Charlotte Blackmon, Pat Beckworth, Martha Mauldin, Hazel Hudson, Misty Moore, Mary Whately and Kristy Miles.

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6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
6 months - \$10
Outside Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11

A trillion reasons to get competitive bids on state contracts

GUEST EDITORIAL
by Senator Bill Armistead

The time has long passed for the Siegelman administration to begin getting competitive bids on state contracts. The governor says he is for the competitive bid process. And he has told that he supports legislation that has introduced in the last session of the legislature to require that all state contracts in excess of \$25,000 be bid competitively. But, his actions speak louder than his words.

The Constitutional Amendment requiring competitive bids was killed, not once but twice, in the Senate last session by one of Siegelman's floor leaders, Sen. Hank Sanders (D-Selma). I have to wonder if the governor was telling me one thing and Sen. Sanders something else.

I have asked Gov. Siegelman to call on the legislature to pass the Constitutional Amendment requiring competitive bids in the state's public schools. It was disastrous. They said that it would have received a failing grade if it had received the same scrutiny that student's reports get in school.

Discrepancies in what Trillium found and what actually exists are significant. The report totally counts some schools and it leaves out other equipment at other schools. Trillium claims 44 Alabama schools have Windows 98 or Windows 97 software which doesn't even exist according to the Birmingham News.

Even when Trillium got the information correct, the News said that it counted the same thing so many different ways that the inventory is useless. Trillium officials blame their sloppy work on incooperative schools and the 120-day inventory schedule.

It is outrageous for the state to have paid \$790,000 (without competitive bid) to have this computer inventory conducted, but to have it done in such a way that the report's results is pouring our tax money down a black hole. And, within the Birmingham News, the governor has stated that to the public's attention, the governor says he'll try to get Trillium to correct the report.

Apparently, no one in Siegelman's office had even bothered to review what Trillium turned in last October. I suppose the report was collecting dust just as many other reports do that the government pays for.

WARNING!!
Check with your
local law enforce-
men agency on
the legitimacy of
organizations
seeking donations
during this
season of the
year.

\$790,000 last year to inventory computer equipment in Alabama's public schools.

Not only was this business not competitively bid, but some of Siegelman's political allies are involved in the deal, as has been the case in numerous other contracts. The lawyer for Trillium is state Sen. Roger Bedford (D-Russellville), who is chairman of the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee or the money committee.

Sen. Bill Siegelman, our Senator, is a consultant to Rick Dent, a consultant in Siegelman's campaign. But is most remembered for leading the failed campaign to get the people of Alabama to vote for a state-sponsored lottery.

Last week, the Birmingham News reported on the results of Trillium's report on the inventory of computer equipment in the state's public schools. "It was disastrous." They said that it would have received a failing grade if it had received the same scrutiny that student's reports get in school.

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Chilton & Bibb Counties - Sen. Armistead's e-mail address is senator@armistead.org and his web site is www.armistead.org. His weekly editorials are posted on his web site and can also be received via email weekly if requested.

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4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd
Monday following city council meeting

GRILL SUPPORT GROUP - Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday
Community Room in Farm Center
Cochran, Elba, and Dothan

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues.
6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd &
4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. Elba City School

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BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon.
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ELBA CITY CIVIL SERVICE -
OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.
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Mon. 6 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy

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VARP - every 2nd Tuesday
of the month

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Highway repair work underway in area

The Alabama Department of Transportation has announced that Floyd Construction Company, Inc. has begun work on project no. ER-7100 (201), Coffee County. This work will consist of flood restorations at various sites located on US 84, AL 192, AL 134 and AL 189. The work is expected to be completed within 105 working days.

The contractor has erected advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public to the construction work zone. Motorists are urged to reduce speed and use caution when traveling through and around the equipment and work-

ers.

An inquiry concerning this work should be directed to Mr. James T. Floyd, Project Superintendent, Tel. (334) 566-6237; Mr. Mark J. Graham, District Engineer, Tel. (334) 347-8166; or Mr. Franklin T. Bowers, Project Engineer, Tel. (334) 393-4776.

Free information on patient assistance programs available to citizens

For those millions of Americans without prescription drug coverage free information available from the Elba AL Patient Assistance Network may be helpful.

The Elba AL Patient Assistance Network helps people to apply for enrollment in one or more of the many patient assistance programs that have free or low cost medication for qualified individuals. The organization's 24-hour hotline 1-800-277-0472.

Consumers can get free information about patient assistance programs and prescription drug discount cards by calling the organization's 24-hour hotline 1-800-277-0472.

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Consumers

CHURCH & LIFESTYLES

Revival Services will be held August 19-21 at Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church will be in revival services Sunday August 19-Tuesday August 21. Services will begin Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. on

A.M.E. churches plan Trustee Training

The Duties of Trustees in the A.M.E. Church, another training opportunity sponsored by the Ozark District, Lay Organization, will be presented on Saturday, August 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Coopersville, AL. While this training will focus on the duties and responsibilities of trustees, it is for everyone who would like to know more about this office of the church. Everyone is invited to come and

"Praise Heart" to be in concert at New Ebenezer Baptist Church August 25

Gospel Singing at New Ebenezer Baptist Church August 25, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, please call at New Ebenezer Baptist Rick Ellison at 897-0584.

Damascus Baptist Church to hold revival services August 26-31

Monday and Tuesday evenings

The guest evangelist will be Rev. Brad McClain.

Everyone is invited to attend

these services.

Revival Services will be held at Damascus Baptist Church (774 County Rd. 547, Elba) on August 26-31 at 7:00 p.m. nightly and Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided each night. The speaker will be Rev. Al Norris from Higher Ground Ministries. For more information call, 894-6382.

Gospel Singing set for August 18 at Glenwood Assembly of God

Glenwood Assembly of God is having a Gospel Singing on Saturday, August 18 at 7 p.m. Featuring Bro. Steve Defee and the Dave family from Luverne. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information contact Danny Cole, Ozark District Director of Lay Activities at 897-0999 or Franklin Simmons, District Lay Organization President at 393-3827.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2004

Scripture: Psalm 147

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Gaynes C. Waters, Annie Daniels, Annie Belcher, Ernest Ellison, Kimberly Russell, Annie M. Balkum, Della Magwood, Colis Belcher, Dora Belcher, Adam Dunlap and Kendyl Belcher

***Choir Anniversary of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, pastor John Lawrence, Elba, Ala., August 19, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

Senior Class Officers: president-Alice Dozier, vice president-Cora Hines, secretary-Ollie Henderson, treasurer-Ehna King

Youth Choir Officers: vice president-Keisha Brannon, secretary-Kentur Edwards, treasurer-Johnathan Edwards

Male chorus officers: president-Robert Hightower, vice president-Clarance Hines, secretary-Nell Tilis, treasurer-Lavaughn Hines, pastor-John Lawrence

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Nicholas Nelson participates in People to People Student Ambassador program

Editor's Note: Nicholas Nelson of Elba and Roy King of Zion Chapel each participated in the People to People Student Ambassador program over the summer. The boys, along with other students across Alabama, traveled overseas for three weeks visiting sites in England, Ireland and Wales. Each has written a separate article presented below which focuses on high lights from his trip.

My three-week adventure overseas was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life. Each day was filled with new adventures and sights.

Even though I had started planning for this trip back in November 2000, reality did not set in until the day I stepped aboard the bus in Dothan, Alabama on June 8, 2001 headed for Atlanta.

In Atlanta I boarded a Delta 777, an 8 hour round trip to London/Gatwick. The flight took about 9 hours.

When we landed in London on June 6, we met our coach driver and were taken to Hampton Court Palace. This



Stonehenge was one of the many sites visited by the group

Roy King participates in People to People Student Ambassador program

My trip began as we assembled in our departure city for the flight to London.

Upon arriving in England, we met our People to People guide and coach driver. We then paid a visit to Windsor Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited royal residence in Britain which also houses the residence of the Queen and her family. We took a boat ride up the Thames River and saw all of the buildings and monuments on its borders. Finally, we rode the Millennium Eye, the tallest Ferris wheel in the world.

The next day began with a briefing by a former Member of Parliament on the British Constitution; we learned about the respective roles of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch. We took a visit of the Tower of London which was completed in 1097. It has been a prison, armory, zoo, prison and now houses the Crown Jewels or "Beefeaters" who guard the tower and look after the ravens. Legend has it that if the ravens ever leave the Tower, the Kingdom will fall. That night, we went to the theatre and watched Buddy, a show about the famous Buddy Holly.

Day 4, we left London for Birmingham. We visited the University City of Oxford. The name describes its position as a good spot for crossing the river (a good omen). England's oldest university was founded here in 1167. Our guide found a resident who lived in the city. She told us about life in Oxford including some of the interesting traditions that are celebrated each year.

The next day, we visited Warwick Castle. William the Conqueror fortified its site overlooking the River Avon, in 1068. The dark and gloomy dungeon, grottoes, torture chamber and

was the beautiful and historic home of King Henry VIII. The first stop in Cardiff was at the brand new Millennium Stadium, is the current home for the FA Cup Final, which is Britain's annual soccer equivalent to our Superbowl. I got to explore the gardens and maze through the various living maze. After I left the palace I went to the hotel to prepare for the next exciting day.

My next day in London I got

the chance to meet a Member of Parliament on the British Constitution. He told about the roles of the House of Commons, the House of Lords, and the Monarch. I visited the famous landmark, called the Tower of London, which was completed in 1097. The tower has been a palace, an armory, a mint, a zoo, a prison, and now houses the crown jewels or "Beefeaters" who guard the tower and look after the ravens. Legend has it that if the ravens leave the Tower, the Kingdom will fall. That night, we went to one of London's most popular music performances called "Blood Brothers".

From London my fellow ambassadors and I moved on to

Cardiff, Wales. The first stop in Cardiff was at the brand new Millennium Stadium, is the current home for the FA Cup Final, which is Britain's annual soccer equivalent to our Superbowl. I got to explore the gardens and maze through the various living maze. After I left the palace I went to the hotel to prepare for the next exciting day.

After leaving Wales, we

depot for the port of Fishguard, where we boarded a ferry for the crossing to Rosslare, then traveled by coach to Waterford, Ireland. The next day we went to Killarney, Ireland. The most exciting day was visiting the Blarney Castle. There I took parting the kissing of the Blarney stone, which is said to give the one who kisses it the gift of gab. The next day I went for a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the mountain pass of the Gap of Dunloe. That evening we were entertained with Irish dances, which we got to participate in. Our next stop was at the Bunratty Castle and the Folk Park. There we saw a recreation of a complete village in Ireland with shops and domestic architecture from a Viking's compound and elegant Georgian house. That evening I met my first host family, the Scully's. That afternoon we visited "The Beatles Story", an attraction that told the story of the city's most famous sons. The next day we visited Dublin, the largest city in Ireland and also the capital. We got to see famous landmarks including St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park, Statue-lined O'Connell Street and Trinity College, the

oldest university in Ireland. I also got to experience the "Zorbing Experience".

The next day we got ready to travel again. At Dublin port we boarded a ferry and crossed to Holyhead in North Wales, then traveled by coach to Liverpool, England. We visited the Roman city of Chester and the village, which once housed the world's longest name, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch. That afternoon we visited Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

For the next four days I stayed

with my second host family, the Crowe's in Chippingham, England. During this visit I got to visit their school, Bowood Park, and participated in all the



Nicholas Nelson with actors from the Hampton Court Palace

activities they did. They also taught me how to play cricket. The next day we explored the York Minister, the largest Gothic church in the world. Its famous stained glass windows. We then traveled to Birmingham, England. Here we visited the Warwick, the most magnificent medieval castle in England. Inside the castle were dark and gloomy dungeons, grottoes, torture chambers, and a splendid armory. We also visited Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped make my trip possible and also your prayers.

Presented by: Nicholas Nelson
People to People Student Ambassador



A visit to the Tower Bridge was part of the trip itinerary

and then made our departure. We boarded the Stena Line ferry for Lully more, a small mineral island that rises gently out of the Bog of Allen. We got to see a unique and fascinating insight into the development of the Irish people over their 9,500-year history.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I read the Elba High School student handbook the other night, and nowhere in it did I find anything that stated all seventh grade girls must wear make-up. Melanie has grown in height over the summer and is almost as tall as her sister, but she is still only twelve-years-old, and the last thing I want is for her to be twelve going on sixteen. I realize that girls grow up and I know all about make-up. However, I for one don't believe that it takes make-up for a pretty little girl to remain a pretty little girl!

ELBA TIGERS HARD AT WORK LOOKING TO REGAIN WINNING WAYS

The Elba Tigers had over thirty players report to pre-season drills last week and from the looks of things from the sidelines, the 2001 Tigers will definitely not be the same bunch of Tigers that struggled to a 4-9 record a year ago. The Tigers still won't be the fastest team around, but they do have good quickness in the backfield, good size in the line, and they have played and have game experience. This year's team also appears to have another very important ingredient - leadership. The Tiger players don't have the desire to work hard to get to work, the returning starters take charge from the time the team hits the field, and this bunch seems to have already grown into a team. If Elba can continue to work hard and improve, the Tigers might just be the surprise team in South Alabama in the 3A ranks.

AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE LOOKING FOR WINNING SEASONS IN 2001

With the opening kickoff of the 2001 high school football season only two short weeks away, all the teams in the area are looking for winning seasons. While hopes are always high prior to the season, this year the teams might actually have a real shot at grabbing more than wire. Here's a look at the top of the state.

*** ZION CHAPEL recorded a 4-6 record last season and made a trip to the state playoffs, and despite the fact the Rebels were hit hard by graduation, this year's team is filled with some youngsters and returning players. For the second year in a row, the team that is filled with players that have done nothing but win ever since they began to pull on the pads, and that winning attitude might just be enough to keep Zion Chapel near the top in the region standings.

*** KINSTON recorded a 4-6 slate last season and missed the playoffs by only one game, a fact that this year's gang of Bulldogs doesn't have to be reminded of. Kinston will take this field this season with a weapon they haven't had in years: speed! The Bulldogs have several players with true breakaway speed, and with that threat always present, the Bulldogs could actually throw a scare into some of their opponents. I know that Kinston and winning football hasn't exactly gone hand in hand since the school started the program. However, with a little luck, this could very well be the year of the Bulldog in Coffee County.

*** NEW BROCKTON suffered through the pairs of an 0-10 record last year, but the Gamecocks showed signs of life late in the season, and the look is like they mean to make a move this spring. You can bet nobody has to remind the Gamecocks are determined to win some football games, and to make the 2000 season only a bad memory. It may be true that the 2001 Gamecocks won't be the most talented team to hit the field over at New Brockton. However, this year's Gamecocks have worked hard with one goal in mind - to win football games. That goal will be reached early, and often!

*** BRANTLEY posted a 9-3 record last season and made a second-round exit from the state playoffs. While that might sound like a pretty good season to most high school teams, for the folks over in Brantley it was a season to forget. Don't look now, but the 2001 season will also be a struggle for the rebuilding Bulldogs, and this year's Dogs might have to over achieve to reach the nine-win mark. Brantley is coming four games against J.F. Shelds, Highland Home, G.W. Long and Southern Choctaw. As tough as any in the state, and if the Bulldogs survive, they could grow into a winning team. If not, it could very well be payback time for their victims of the past.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

*** The area sports scene is in a little bit of a lull right now, and that has given me the chance to watch the Braves on the tube. I have thought all season that the Braves were past their prime and needed to reload, and over the course of the past four games (all losses), they have done nothing to change my mind. I have read that the new Braves owners are more interested in making money than winning any, and with the Braves being the only show around, they will always draw the most million fans. Maybe the financial wizards at AOL/Time Warner will wake up and realize that the more wins the Braves get, the more money they all can make. If I had their address, the folks in charge would get some mail.

*** Football registration has ended here in Elba and now it's time for soccer registration to swing into action. The Elba Recreation Department began youth soccer last year and had a tremendous response, and this year there seems to be just as much interest, if not more. The soccer league will make the move to Hawkins-Williams Park this season and take over the softball fields, which should give the parents and parents more room and better facilities. The city has the land to build a soccer complex and has tried for the past year to clear the land, but a lack of funds and a lack of anyone willing to buy the land has resulted in the plans being put on the back burner. Don't worry, the program continues to grow, it will have a home to play over very soon.

*** While the previous high school football season is grabbing most of the headlines on the sports pages all across the state, the sands of girls are also busy at work every day getting ready for the beginning of volleyball season. Here at Elba, the Lady Tigers will under the guidance of Coach Amelia Rhodes. Coach Rhodes led Kinston to a state championship a few years back and is one of the winningest volleyball coaches in the nation, and expectations are high that she will bring her winning ways to the Elba High volleyball court. I too am looking for bigger and better things from the Lady Tigers, but we all have to realize that winning programs are built through hard work, and nothing will come easy, no matter who the coach might be.

*** Tennis fans in Elba will be glad to hear that State Rep. Terry Spicer is hard at work trying to locate funds to resurface the four tennis courts at Hawkins-Williams Park. The price of the resurfacing project has been acquired, and Rep. Spicer feels certain that he can find the funds needed to make the courts some that everyone in Elba can be proud of. If you see Rep. Spicer pat him on the back and tell him how much you appreciate his interest, and tell him to hurry up.

Tell'em you read it in...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

As season openers draw near

Region alignments stay the same for 2001 season, area football teams hoping to post better results

The high school football season is right around the corner, and for the second straight season, teams all across the state will compete in a regional alignment that will send four teams from each region to the state playoffs.

Following is a look at the region set-up for the 2001 season:

CLASS 3A, REGION 2

Cottonwood (6-5), Geneva County (9-3), Houston Academy (3-5), Houston County (11-1), New Brockton (0-10), Samson (7-4), Slocumb (1-9), Wicksburg (3-7).

CLASS 2A, REGION 2

Elba (1-9), Flomaton (8-4), Gulf Shores (10-10), Luverne (7-5), W.S. Neal (3-8), Washington County (11-3).

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

Ariton (6-5), Brantley (9-3), Florala (10-10), Kinston (4-6), G.W. Long (8-4), Pleasant Home (2-8), Zion Chapel (5-6).

Wicksburg, Houston County, and New Brockton

Gamecocks are expected to be much improved from last year's squad that struggled through an 0-10 campaign. The youthful Gamecocks will still have a weekly fight on their hands if they hope to punch their ticket to the state playoffs.

The Gamecocks compete in Class 2A, Region 2, and once again will join seven area teams to make up the very competitive eight-team region. Houston County (11-1) will be back to defend its region crown, and the Rebels at last year's playoff party, while Kinston (4-6), Florala (10-10) and Pleasant Home (2-8) were all left on the outside looking in.

The key date on this year's region schedule will be September 14, when Brantley hosts G.W. Long, but all the other region games are important to the teams looking for an invitation to the party, and it should be a very competitive, and very interesting region campaign.

As if competing in an eight-team region isn't tough enough, New Brockton will challenge its region opponents over seven straight weeks. The only positive will be the fact that

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Brantley (3-7) will without a doubt be the favorite to win the region. However, G.W. Long (8-4) always has their date with the

sun crown.

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The pictures to the right represent a recent flag presentation from The National Security Group, Inc. to Elba High School and Elba Elementary School. Each school was presented both a national flag and a state flag. Representing The National Security Group, Inc. for the presentation was Eddie Vaughan, marketing. The top picture shows Vaughan presenting the national flag to Elba High School principal Mike Williams, and the bottom picture shows him presenting the state flag to Elba Elementary School principal Mickey McCollough. The schools will fly both flags throughout the school year.

GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO



We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day four years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

In Tribute....Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The Bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house; the one the God has chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of A Nero Breed. One who has nobly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives. Rescued the perishing. Praised an oasis for those in desert place. And renewed soldiery, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually revere your precepts and examples that have been so nobly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel. To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...dream the impossible...to redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost. And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams family: **We Thank You!!** And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, the Commander in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers. And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his objectives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From:

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SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Minister Joel Wade, Detroit, Michigan. He will be consecrated Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - Bishop Hirron Williams and he will also be presiding over the consecration.



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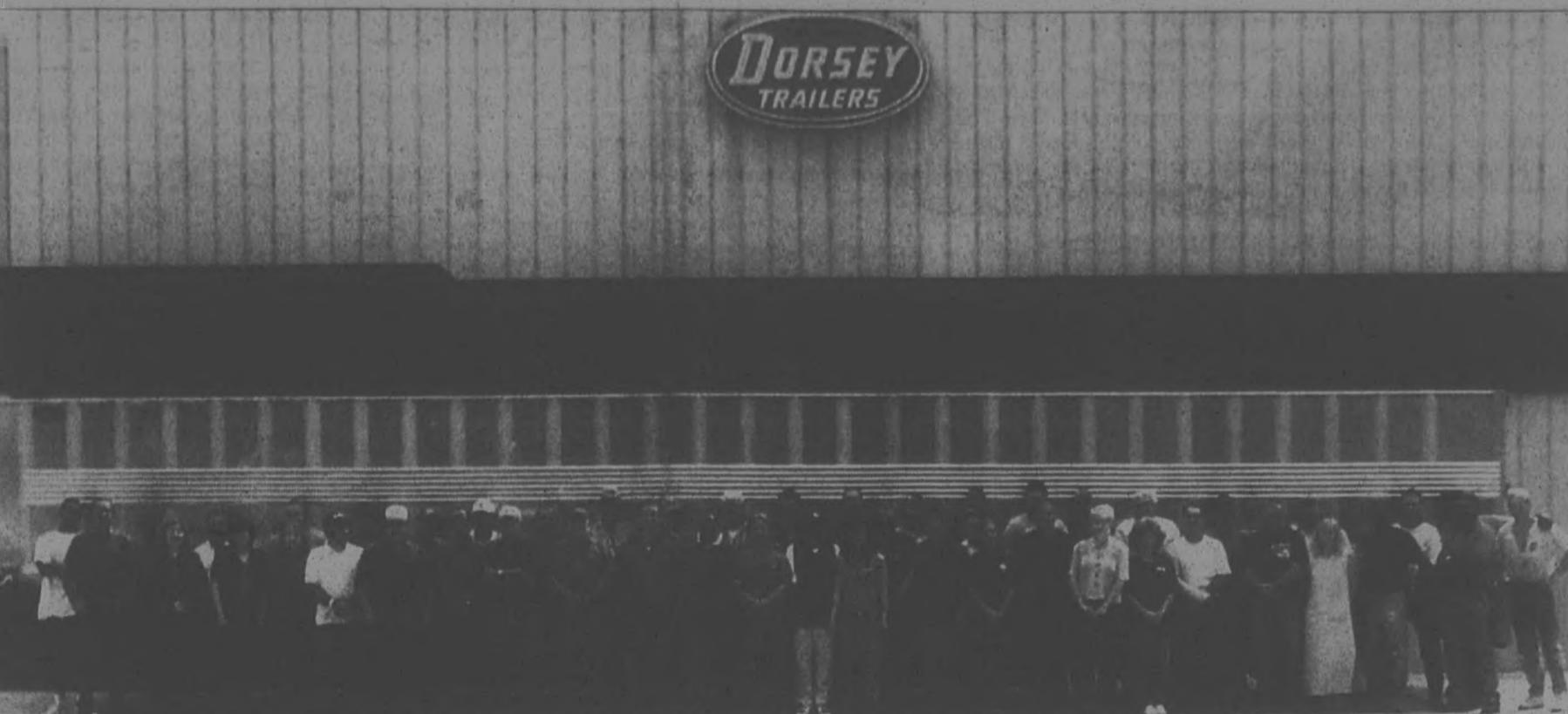
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AEC plans power work in Elba for Sunday

Alabama Electric Cooperative announces that it will attempt to make necessary repairs to the Caroline Street substation in Elba on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 2-5 p.m.

The work will be done during this time with weather permitting and will affect customers outside the levee area of the city. Citizens in this area should prepare to be without power while the work is underway. Officials also indicate that some areas within the levee could be affected by this work and also be without power.

AEC and City of Elba officials said the work is part of an ongoing process to better serve the needs of the people of Elba.

Anyone with questions concerning this planned work event should contact Elba City Hall at 897-2333.

FIRST TRAILER SHIPPED... The first trailer shipped from Dorsey Trailers since the company reopened was this "Fruit Hauler" which left Monday for the 2001 Florida Citrus Expo in Ft. Myers, Fla. Sales force members accompanying the trailer to the annual expo are Laura Roan, Director of Sales; Elkin Williamson, Inside Sales; and Rhonda Lyn, Public Relations consultant. This event is sponsored by the University of Florida and is a major event for the Florida fruit industry, showing off modern technology for the fruit growing and harvesting professionals with a slogan of "Progress through Technology."

Dorsey management said this week that a number of these units have already been sold to some of the larger fruit growers and additional orders for this type unit are anticipated. The sales force is also working with a number of other potential customers, including at least two major foreign firms. Pictured with this first product is the start-up workforce at the Elba trailer plant.

EPD and ABC board seize marijuana plants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department (EPD) and Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board gathered the evidence Monday afternoon, Aug. 20, in an ongoing marijuana investigation.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said the marijuana investigation began after his department received information that the plant was being grown in the Elba area.

He said the culmination of the investigation came Monday afternoon as officers from the EPD and ABC Board gathered approximately 50 marijuana plants which they had discovered.

ABC Board officer Jackie Farmer said the marijuana plants are estimated to be worth about \$2,000 per plant. Therefore, he said the plants confiscated Monday afternoon have an approximate value of \$100,000.

Whitworth said some of the plants seized Monday were estimated to be as tall as 12 feet.

No arrests have been made at this time in connection with the marijuana seizure; however, Whitworth said a joint



Elba Police Officer Robert Fulton and ABC board officer Jackie Farmer with the marijuana plants seized Monday.

investigation continues by the Elba Police Department and Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Coffee County BOE hires additional personnel

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a brief meeting Friday, Aug. 17, to handle a few timely matters including some personnel changes.

Upon attempt to better serve the children of the Coffee County School System, the board voted and approved the recommendation

of

Elba Tigers and ZC Rebels prepare for meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

that money will be split between the two programs at the end of the evening.

Another important part of the evening is the return to Miller Memorial Stadium (Foggy Bottom) for Elba fans.

"Foggy Bottom" was home to the Elba Tigers until the end of the 1992 football season. At that time, the sports program moved to Tiger Stadium located in the Elba School System complex.

Friday night will mark the first return appearance to the stadium

for Elba High School football since the move, and the excitement continues to build among the citizens of the community as they look forward to once again

visiting "Foggy Bottom" where so many memories were created through the years.

Coach Waters said there is a lot of excitement surrounding the game, and he hopes everyone comes out to enjoy a night of good football between two neighboring teams as they prepare for the upcoming season.



PREPARING FOR GAME DAY... The Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels prepare to meet for the first time ever in a pre-season football jamboree Friday night, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. The game will be played at the legendary Miller Memorial Stadium "Foggy Bottom" in Elba, Alabama, the attendance level is extremely high among the players, coaches, students and fans of the two programs. Above, players and coaches from the two school make their way to the game. Those pictured include: (kneeling, l to r) Zion Chapel Rebels #72 for the Zion Chapel Rebels and Michael Reed; #45 for the Elba Tigers; (standing, l to r) Zion Chapel Rebels Head Football Coach Randy Grant, Josh Camley, #72 for the Zion Chapel Rebels, Gavin Mauldin, #75 for the Elba Tigers; and Elba Tigers Head Football Coach Mike Waters. For a closer look at Friday night's contest, please see the "Sports Section, Page 8."

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

CITY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS The Elba City Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Monday, Aug. 27, at 12 noon and at the regular board meeting Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearings will be to present the system-wide budget and for public input on the system technology plan and Internet Safety Policy for the Fiscal Year 2002. The meeting will be held at the Elba City Board of Education office at 131 Tiger Drive in Elba, Ala. Budget forms will be available at the board office prior to the meetings.

COUNTY BOE INTERNET SAFETY MEETING The Coffee County Board of Education invites the community to a meeting on Monday, Aug. 27, from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Coffee County BOE office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, to discuss the Internet Safety Policy for the school system.

COUNTY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for FY2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 30. Both public hearings will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education office at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 30, the Board will hold a special meeting at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 Budget.

New manager named at Elba MarketPlace

Dennis Wooten

New manager

named at Elba

MarketPlace

The Elba MarketPlace announced Tuesday, Aug. 21, the hiring of Dennis Wooten as manager of the Elba grocery store.

"I am looking forward to serving

the people of Elba," said

Wooten. "I already know a lot of

people here and am looking for-

ward to meeting them.

The admission fee for the

game will be \$5 per person and

please see the "Sports Section, Page 8."